IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA WESTERN DIVISION No. 5:10-HC-2127-D

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,)	
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Petitioner,)	
)	
v.)	ORDER
)	
BARCLAY VAN BUREN,)	
)	
Respondent.)	

Barclay Van Buren ("Van Buren" or "respondent") is confined at the Federal Correctional Institution in Butner, North Carolina, awaiting a hearing on the government's petition for his commitment pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 4248 ("section 4248") [D.E. 1]. On December 6, 2010, Van Buren filed a motion to dismiss the government's petition for his commitment [D.E. 6]. On December 20, 2010, the government responded in opposition [D.E. 7].

On January 28, 2011, Van Buren filed a motion for a hearing to determine the merits of the commitment action [D.E. 8]. On February 2, 2011, the court entered a scheduling order [D.E. 9]. On May 6, 2011, the court granted the motion for hearing [D.E. 16]. The parties have commenced discovery, which is scheduled to close November 7, 2011.

In his motion to dismiss, Van Buren merely incorporates by reference the arguments made in <u>United States v. Comstock</u>, No. 5:06-HC-2195-BR (E.D.N.C.) [D.E. 12, 19]. In light of <u>United States v. Comstock</u>, 627 F.3d 513, 519-25 (4th Cir. 2010), the court rejects the arguments.

Accordingly, the court DENIES respondent's motion to dismiss [D.E. 6].

SO ORDERED. This **21** day of September 2011.

JAMES C. DEVER III United States District Judge